



US Army Corps
of Engineers

Baltimore District

Public Affairs Office

P.O. Box 1715

Baltimore, MD 21203

(410) 962-2809

Fax: (410) 962-3660

News Release

Release No. 00-01

Contact: Doug Garman

For Release: January 12, 2000

Phone: (410) 962-2809

Corps of Engineers to release revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement on dredged material placement alternatives in July 2000

Baltimore –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, announced that it will release the revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed dredged material placement alternatives for the Port of Baltimore in July 2000.

“Given the importance of this study process, we’ve decided to adjust our schedule to allow our technical experts ample time to complete further scientific testing and analysis,” said Col. Bruce A. Berwick, Baltimore District commander. “We want to be sure that we have the most current and best scientific data available in order to objectively evaluate the benefits and impacts associated with each placement alternative.”

The July release date reflects an adjustment to the Corps’ original schedule of January 2000.

Since August 1999, the Corps’ study team, comprising federal and state environmental agencies, university scientists and technical staff, has been conducting a thorough analysis and evaluation of approximately 40 potential dredged material placement alternatives, including the Site 104 open-water placement site, as part of the revised DEIS.

Specifically, the team has been undertaking a comprehensive look at a variety of dredged material placement alternatives, collecting additional field data, and performing additional modeling and literature review. During the review of this information, the team identified some additional field measurements and literature review that are necessary to complete their overall assessment of the placement alternatives.

Following the release of the revised DEIS in July, the public will be given 45 days to review and comment on the revised document. Public hearings will also be held on the revised DEIS. All public comments will be considered and included in a final EIS to be released early next year. Following a public comment period for the final EIS, the Corps will issue a Record of Decision on the recommended placement alternatives. This decision is not likely before the spring of 2001.

- 30 -

<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil>